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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.  Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 12, 2004.
2.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Enclosed is/are
  - Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.
  - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ..
  - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) .  
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  - Copies of IDS Citations
  - Other (identify):  
Petition For Extension Of Time, including a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee.
4.  Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
  - A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
  - A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5.  A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

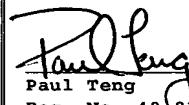
7.  Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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